

Purdue creates web site for Painter

Vincennes grad promoted as '08 Heisman candidate

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Southwestern Indiana has never produced a Heisman Award winner, but a former Indiana high school standout now is featured on a web site promoting his candidacy.

Purdue University has created a web page called curtispainter12.com, named for the senior quarterback from Vincennes Lincoln High. He wears No. 12.

The page includes the headline "Painting A Masterpiece," and notes that Purdue is known as the "Cradle of Quarterback." Listed are Len Dawson, Bob Griese, Mike Phipps, Mark Herrmann, Drew Brees and Kyle Orton. Not mentioned but also in the Boilermak-

ers' past are mid-1980s standout Jim Everett, who went on to quarterback the then Los Angeles Rams; Ron DiGravio, Big Ten total offense leader circa 1960; and Dale Samuels, who as Dawson's predecessor quarterbacked a 1950 upset that ended Notre Dame's 39-game unbeaten streak.

"Cradle of Quarterbacks" is a takeoff on the Miami (Ohio) monicker of "Cradle of Coaches."

The curtispainter12.com page notes that he became the Boilermakers' quarterback starter as a red-shirt freshman midway the 2005 season, and is on pace to break Brees' Big Ten career records for pass attempts, yardage, total offense and passing efficiency.

Painter's 2007 passing statistics are noted: 356 completions, including 29 touchdowns, and 3,846 yards. In order, those numbers rank fourth, third and second in Purdue annals. He ranked 12th nationally with 295.9 passing yards per game, and 18th in total offense with 294.3 yards a game.

Noted is his Motor City Bowl Most Valuable Player performance in a 51-48 win over Central Michigan. He completed 35-54 passes,

three for touchdowns, and a school-record 546 yards.

No surprise to Mount Carmel coach Darren Peach, whose Golden Aces made their Big Eight Conference debut in 2003, Painter's high school senior season. "He throws lasers," Peach said.

The lead web page refers readers to Heisman, Maxwell Award, Manning Award, Davey O'Brien Award, and Johnny Unitas Award web pages. The Maxwell vote is for the nation's Outstanding Player. The latter three are quarterback honors. The All-State Sugar Bowl Manning Award honors a legacy that includes the NFL quarterback trio of father Archie and sons Peyton of the Colts and Eli of the reigning Super Bowl champion New York Giants.

It's noted that Painter seeks a computer graphics technology degree and hopes to become a residential construction designer.

His career statistics are listed: 1,269 attempts, 760 completions, 8,765 yards, 54 touchdowns, 126.4 passing efficiency and 8,765 yards total offense. It's noted that if his 2008 numbers are similar to 2007, he "should own" Purdue and Big

Ten records set by Brees from 1997 through 2000.

Florida quarterback Tim Tebow won the 2007 Heisman as a sophomore and joins Painter on the O'Brien and Unitas watch lists. The O'Brien Watch List, released July 31, includes 31 quarterbacks.

The only Indiana high school grad to win the Heisman was former Gary schoolboy Tom Harmon, 1940 winner as a Michigan running back. Harmon, Heisman runnerup to Iowa's Nile Kinnick in 1939, played for the Los Angeles Rams and entered football broadcasting.

Another Gary resident, Iowa defensive tackle Alex Karras, was the 1957 Heisman runnerup to Texas A&M running back John David Crow.

Griese, from now defunct Evansville Rex Mundi High, was 1966 runnerup to Florida quarterback Steve Spurrier, now South Carolina coach. Phipps, from Columbus, Ind., was 1969 runnerup to Oklahoma fullback Steve Owens, later of the Detroit Lions.

Indiana University tailback Anthony Thompson, from Terre Haute North, finished second to

Houston quarterback Andre Ware in 1989 Heisman voting. As Florida quarterback, Bloomington South grad Rex Grossman, now of the Chicago Bears, was 2001 runnerup to Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch.

Three Boilermakers have finished second in Heisman voting. Running back and defensive back Leroy Keyes, a teammate of Griese, and then Phipps, was 1968 runnerup to Southern California tailback O.J. Simpson.

Notre Dame is the only Indiana university with Heisman winners. The Irish have produced seven Quarterbacks Angelo Bertelli in 1943 and Johnny Lujack in 1947, end Leon Hart in 1949, halfback Johnny Lattner in 1953, quarterbacks Paul Hornung in 1956 and John Huarte in 1964 and wide receiver Tim Brown in 1987.

The first Heisman winner, in 1935, was running back Jay Berwanger from the University of Chicago, which several years later dropped football. Chicago belonged to the Big Ten, which kept that name despite operating with nine schools till Michigan State entered in the early-1950s.

Composing the pose



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Gibson Southern varsity volleyball players have an intense discussion on how they will pose for team photos Wednesday in the school gym. Titan and Lady Titan fall sports teams posed for photos for the *Daily Clarion* fall sports edition to be published Aug. 20. Figuring out their pose are, from left: Amanda Spindler (20), Brianna Spindler (16), Tiffany Lamey (18), Natasha Gravenhorst (22), Ashley Richter (28), Kayla Wilcox (hands on knees) and Claire Wilson (10).

Titan hoop girls a team on, off court

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Proud as he is of Gibson Southern basketball girls on the court, coach Mark Monroe is prouder of how they bond off the court.

They proved it in paying respects to the late Mary Jane Linneweber, grandmother of their teammate, Gibson Southern junior Kelsie Linneweber.

"Our players drove to Bicknell to make a Monday night visitation at the funeral home," Monroe said Wednesday.

"Knowing that Kelsie's grandmother had passed away, I decided to call our captains — Natalie Chamberlain, Lauren Zeabart and Kristin Reynolds — on Sunday night. When I called Natalie and told her I thought all our players should go up there to pay respects if at all possible, Natalie said that was already arranged.

"All the girls who could go up there made the trip. That means a lot to me. I can't get over how much of a team they are."

Monroe noted that Mary Jane Linneweber, who died of cancer, worked many years in a North Knox elementary school cafeteria.

The Monroe family bonded Wednesday evening for a different reason. They dined at Carriage Inn, in Fort Branch, to celebrate

the 83rd birthday of Bernard "Monty" Monroe, the coach's father.

"Dad had lung cancer at 77, but he recovered without chemotherapy or radiation," Mark Monroe said. "He hasn't smoked since."

"Two years later he fell and broke a hip. Since my mom, Elizabeth Monroe, or Betty as she was known, died in 1997, I suggested that dad move from Sullivan and live with me in Fort Branch.

"He accepted that offer."

Wednesday's dinner gathering included coach's son Matt Monroe, entering his junior year at the University of Southern Indiana after transferring from Purdue and leaving school for a year; and daughter Katie, also starting her junior year at USI. Melinda Michel, whom Mark Monroe dates, joined the gathering.

The coach, an only child, noted that retired truck driver Monty Monroe remains active. "If dad wants to drive to Indianapolis for any reason, he can do it."

"He traveled over much of the country in his job. Work took him to Seattle, Portland, Oakland, Los Angeles, Denver and other places, including Billings, Mont. He won 15 safe driving awards and also won a truck rodeo championship.

"Dad has long been an inspiration to me."

Campbell homers in first inning for 3rd time in last four games

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MYRTLE BEACH, S. — For the third time in four games, Eric Campbell hit a first-inning home run Wednesday night, part of Myrtle Beach's 9-6 High Class A Carolina League win over Kinston.

It marked the Pelicans' eighth straight win and raised their second-half record to 31-13. Including the first half when they won the Southern Division championship with a 45-25 mark, they stand 76-38 for the season.

Campbell's Wednesday homer, with two out and none on base, marked his fourth in sixth games and 17th this season. It put him into a Carolina League second-place tie with teammate Brandon Hicks and Kinston's Beau Mills.

The league leader with 18 is Jamie Romak, recently promoted by the Pittsburgh Pirates from Lynchburg to Double-A Altoona, Pa., of the Eastern League.

Campbell, whose seven-game hitting streak ended when he went 0-for-4 Tuesday night, finished 1-for-4

Wednesday, with two RBIs. He reached base on a third-inning throwing error as a run scored, struck out swinging in the fifth, walked in the seventh and grounded to second base in the eighth.

The two RBIs raised the 22-year-old Gibson Southern grad's 65-game total to 57. He batted in 49 runs in 81 games last season, when he hit 14 homers.

Campbell's 67 hits, in 248 at bats, are one more than his 2007 hit total in 298 at bats. After batting .221 a year ago, he's now hitting .270. His hits include 13 doubles

and he has scored 49 runs.

Wednesday's walk and strikeout gave him 38 of each.

In five pro seasons since becoming the Atlanta Braves' first-draft choice in June 2004, when he was taken with the second round's last pick, he has hit 80 home runs — 78 in regular-season play and 2 in playoffs.

Thome lifts White Sox

CHICAGO (AP) — Jim Thome hit a three-run homer and John Danks worked efficiently into the seventh inning, helping the Chicago White Sox to a 5-1 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday night.

The White Sox remained a game ahead of the Minneso-

ta Twins in the AL Central, while the Tigers dropped 8 1/2 games out of first place.

Danks (9-4) allowed one run on four hits over 6 2-3 innings, giving the White Sox a lift after they used seven relievers in a 14-inning win over Detroit the previous night.

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